

244. Governor may proclaim water-races, and take any stream to supply water-race.  
 245. Map to be deposited in Warden's Court.  
 246. Governor may alter the course of any water-race.  
 247. On unsurveyed land, Proclamation to be in general terms, but line to be pegged out.  
 248. How and when limits of land for water-race and streams taken therefor shall be determined.  
 249. Governor may revoke Proclamation as to water-race.  
 250. Water-races vested in the Crown.  
 251. Powers of Minister to construct or purchase water-races.  
 252. Water-races subject to Mining Regulations.  
 253. Minister may make regulations for using water-races.  
 254. Penalty for taking water from proclaimed water-race or stream.  
 255. Penalty for damaging water-race. Penalty for using water-race without paying charges.  
 256. Governor may lease water-race.  
 257. Governor may contract for making water-race on certain conditions.  
 258. Such water-race to be under this Act, but to vest in contractors.  
 259. Moneys accruing from water-races to be part of Consolidated Fund.  
 260. Moneys payable to be voted by Parliament.

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261. Special provisions relating to water-races and works within mining districts.

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262. Governor may, with their consent, transfer water-races to counties.  
 263. Powers, &c., thereupon to vest in County Councils.  
 264. County Councils to keep water-races in repair.  
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 279. Powers of Magistrate.  
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AN ACT to compile certain Acts relating to Public Works.

Title

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1.) The Short Title of this Act is "The Public Works Act, Short Title.  
 5 1905."

(2.) This Act is a compilation of the Acts mentioned in the *First* Schedule hereto.

(3.) This Act is divided into the several Parts, as follows:—

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